

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

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CHANGES IN NCERT CURRICULUM

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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to make certain changes in the NCERT curriculum and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Government has any plan to introduce general health awareness programme and habit of gardening in school curriculum and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to provide membership to general public and intellectuals, who are well aware of our cultural and religious ideologies, in the Government institutions like NCERT;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (e) the time by which a final decision is likely to be taken in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SMRITI ZUBIN IRANI)

- (a) In the field of school education, the National Council of Educational Research & Training (NCERT) has been reviewing and revising the National Curriculum Framework (NCF-2005) from time to time, in order to update the same in view of the changing needs of the school education, knowledge and technology. As of now, there is no proposal to revise the NCF- 2005. However, the NCERT has been updating and revising the content in textbooks from time to time.
- (b) The Health and Physical Education is a curricular area for all the school stages (NCF-2005), and accordingly NCERT has prepared Syllabus for classes I-X. NCERT under National Population Education (NPE) project also organized activity to create awareness about general health and protection of environment.
- (c) to (e) There is no provision to provide membership to the general public in the NCERT. However, outside experts in the field of education are associated as member of Apex Committees of the NCERT viz., General Council and the Executive Committee.